The Deception That Life Is Only about Earthly Things

Satan has made considerable efforts to mislead humanity, promoting the idea that life is only about what can be achieved in this short life on Earth. Thus, he has managed to divert the attention of man, thirsty for happiness, for which he was created, towards material and fleeting satisfactions. Although these pleasures seem to offer happiness, they are far from being the true source of it.

In this continuous hustle for survival, we have lost sight of truly meditating on the profound significance of rest, which should encompass not only the rest of of the body but also that of the soul.

For example, we eagerly await vacation days or weekends to rest, and evenings are anticipated moments for relaxation and physical recovery, but we do not show a similar interest in achieving soul rest.

Consequently, the concept of spiritual rest has been largely delegated to the religious sphere and managed by its representatives. Therefore, soul rest seems inaccessible in this life, being postponed for the “world to come”, which explains why we use the expression “Rest in peace” as a farewell for those who have departed from this world.

The relationship with God, which should lead us to soul rest, has come to be reduced to a few external rituals. Thus, the importance of personal and active involvement alongside God in the process of inner transformation of our character is ignored.

This leads to the assumption that God will change our sinful nature through a mysterious method, which He will apply after the physical death of the individual. This completely false concept has been adopted by most people, who have thus imposed on others the steps considered necessary to achieve eternal rest.

Thus, many of us, not by our own choice, but due to the place where we were born, have been introduced into a certain religious denomination. For example, we found ourselves Catholic if we were born in Italy or Orthodox in Romania.

We were equipped, without realizing it, with glasses colored by the doctrine specific to the religious denomination in which we were born. These glasses shape the way we see and understand the world, often leading us to accept the prevailing norms and beliefs as absolute truth, without subjecting them to concrete analysis, under the assumption that “the crowd sets the rules.”

These widespread beliefs, which are not based on the Holy Scripture, induce the idea that during the time man spends on earth, God is not concerned or cannot restore and transform the being He created to the level required by His eternal Kingdom. In this context, the a belief was formed that God remains a distant Entity, without deep involvement in the daily life of the believer.

Thus, we have been taught that finding rest and access to the Eternal Kingdom is not also the result of personal efforts to transform our character in collaboration with God, but relies solely on divine mercy, which offers us eternal rest at the end through the forgiveness of sins.

However, this perspective contradicts the profound teachings of the Scriptures, which emphasize the vital importance of transforming human character. This is essential to reach the stature for which we were created and to obtain now the peace and rest, which is absolutely necessary for eternal coexistence.

It becomes evident that a person who accepts a teaching that justifies living according to the values of the world will remain anchored in a superficial doctrine of forgiveness of sins. This assumes that character transformation is an enigmatic process, which God will fulfill either at the moment of death or during the final resurrection.

Due to the lack of knowledge or understanding, we observe today many people influenced by various theories that claim to offer explanations on how to achieve rest in God’s Heaven. These varied theories can lead to confusion and an incomplete or erroneous understanding of the nature of salvation and the role of personal transformation in this process.

A relevant example is the theory of purgatory, characteristic of those born into Catholicism. According to this theory, purgatory is perceived as a place of cleansing for sins committed during life, a temporary place where deceased souls are purified before entering eternal rest.

This process is essential for souls to free themselves from their mistakes and prepare for eternal life. In their Purgatory is seen as an conception, purgatory is seen as an intermediate place of punishment, intermediate place of punishment, a a transitional space. transitional space between earthly life and eternal life.

In Catholic tradition, both the punishment and the time spent in purgatory can be reduced by obtaining indulgences, purchased from priests. Believers can obtain indulgences not only for themselves but also for the souls of deceased loved ones, who are believed to be in purgatory, thus contributing to the shortening of their purification period.

In many other traditions, it is believed that believers can gain divine favor through acts of generosity or can pay for the forgiveness of their sins and thus obtain eternal rest.

Many people have a mistaken understanding that by admiring God for what He has done for us, confessing their sins, spending for their forgiveness, praying for the rest of the deceased, or believing in the sacrifice on the cross (where His Son paid for them), they will gain access to Heaven and the much-desired eternal rest, which is found in the farewell at funeral ceremonies.

It is easy to see that the lack of knowledge of the Scriptures is one of the things that keeps man in this ignorance. This aspect is clarified in Matthew 22:29, where it is written: “Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.”

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